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In re Patent Application of:
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For: COUPLING STRUCTURE OF SHAFT
BODY AND SHAFT JOINT

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The similarities between the present invention and Japanese Application No. '320562 is that both disclose a coupling structure for coupling a shaft body to a shaft joint having an engagement groove with which the shaft body is engaged: a shaft joint body with two bores facing the engagement groove and a locking body press-fitted into one of the bores. A coupling shaft is inserted into the bores and locked with the locking body.

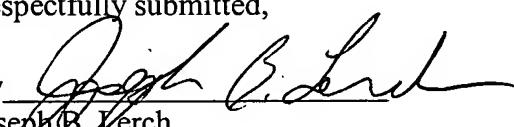
However, the present invention is different from Japanese Application No. '320562 in that the coupling structure of a shaft body and shaft joint according to the present invention further comprise a regulating tongue for regulating movement of the shaft body; a supported portion extending from the regulating tongue and supported between the locking body and the shaft joint body; and a plate body having a projection projecting from the supported portion. The shaft joint body and/or the locking body has a recessed portion into which the projection is fitted.

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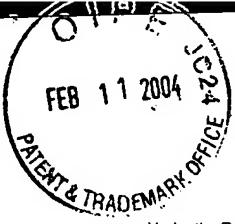
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